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WELCOME BACK,

I am so glad to be a part of your child's educational enhancement and growth. As your child's Social Studies teacher I will help your child learn of the significance of their country's history and understand the rich national heritage they will inherit. My major objectives are:

- **To learn the Constitution, its purpose and application**
- **To analyze our nation's moments of pride and success to repeat them**
- **To also analyze moments of failure in hopes to avoid future pitfalls**

In a brief nutshell, I want your child to appreciate the great nation in which they live; to learn how they may improve their own existence by being informed, involved and conscientious citizens.

I want to maintain strong communication with you to work as a team.

*****Please provide me with a current email*****

I will check my emails each day. You may also contact me at djohnson@northidahostem.org or through our class blogspot:

[http://northidahostem-\[your child's grade-number\]th.blogspot.com](http://northidahostem-[your child's grade-number]th.blogspot.com)

(for example, <http://northidahostem-8th.blogspot.com> for 8th grade)

Our homework policy has not changed. Your child should set aside about one hour each evening for math homework. We will provide in-class time for assignments, as well as daily study hall time each afternoon. Your child should have time to complete their assignments during the school day, if they use their time wisely. I suggest that each student also set aside **only 3-5 minutes each day** going over their notes from my class (to review and highlight important points). A Homework/Classwork Policy form will be sent home with your child (please read and sign with your child and return it by the end of the first week).

Dress code, tardy and absent policies, and other expectations are all available on the school website under the PARENTS tab ~ <http://www.northidahostemcharteracademy.org>

Since we are projects based school, and only meet four days a week, we really stress the need to schedule doctor or dentist appointments on Fridays. We sincerely ask to avoid scheduling vacations except during school vacation days (see the website for the calendar). Avoiding daily interruptions will only help your child be successful.

Remember, we do not allow personal electronic devices during school hours (with the exception of personal computers connected to your own network hub OR calculators for math). If, however, a teacher permits students to use smart phones for assignments your child will be given direction then. Generally, however, we encourage students to leave such devices in their backpack during the day - misuse will mean confiscation (you may pick up the device in the office, if such abuse occurs).

On the back I have provided a supply list, in case you did not see it on the school website.

We will be participating in **National History Day (NHD)** this year, again. There may be added supplies once your child has chosen his/her project subject. I will try and provide ample time to bring those supplies for the project.

My class supply list is as follows:

- Daily Planner (highly recommended)
- U.S. Constitution [MANDATORY]
- Pencils/Lead
- Pen
- Eraser
- Colored Highlighters (or crayons or pencils - just something with COLOR)
- Flash drive
- 3 x 5 cards (at least 100)
- A 3x5 card box or holder (needs to hold 100 cards)
- 1 intact notebook (spiral or composite)
- 1 3-ring binder
- 1 folder

Please keep in mind, due to limitations on computers, I do encourage my students to also bring material for their **NHD** project. They are welcome to use my books in my class but may need to make a trip to the local library (or make arrangements with the Book Mobile, which will visit our school every two weeks) to have research material for the project. I will send more details on **NHD** once school begins.

I am excited to be sharing with your child's growth this year. Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions.

Let's work together for your child's success!

Respectfully,

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<http://northidahostem-8th.blogspot.com>

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